

## CLAIMS

## I Claim:

1           1. A method for content clipping comprising the following steps:  
2           (a) providing a selection tool to a user, the selection tool allowing the  
3 user to indicate content within a network document to be clipped; and,  
4           (b) upon the user selecting content within the network document to be  
5 clipped, performing the following substeps:  
6               (b.1) storing a bit-mapped image of the selected content within a  
7 database, and  
8               (b.2) storing a network address for the network document along  
9 with the bit-mapped image of the selected content.

1           2. A method as in claim 1 wherein the database is in form of a card  
2 file.

1           3. A method as in claim 1 wherein in substep (b.1) the bit-mapped  
2 image of the selected content is stored in a user selected location within the  
3 database.

1           4. A method for content clipping comprising the following steps:  
2           (a) providing a selection tool to a user; and,  
3           (b) upon a user selecting the selection tool, performing the following  
4 substeps:  
5               (b.1) parsing a current network document for clickable images,  
6               (b.2) indicating to the user, clickable images found in substep  
7 (b.1), and  
8               (b.3) upon a user selecting one of the clickable images,  
9 performing the following substep:  
10               (b.3.1) storing for later access by the user a bit-mapped  
11 image of the selected clickable image.

1           5. A method as in claim 4 wherein in substep (b.3), upon the user  
2 selecting one of the clickable images, the following substep is also performed:  
3           (b.3.2) storing for later access by the user a network address for the  
4 clickable image.

1           6. A method as in claim 5 wherein:

2 in substep (b.3.1) the bit-mapped image of the selected clickable  
3 image is stored in a card file; and,  
4 in substep (b.3.2) the network address for the clickable image is stored  
5 in the card file.

1 7. A method as in claim 4 wherein:  
2 in substep (b.3.1) the bit-mapped image of the selected clickable  
3 image is stored in a card file.

1 8. A method as in claim 7 wherein in substep (b.3.1) the bit-mapped  
2 image of the selected content is stored in a user selected location within the  
3 card file.

1 9. A method as in claim 4 wherein substep (b.2) includes the following  
2 substep:  
3 displaying thumbnail sketches of the clickable images.

1 10. A method for content clipping comprising the following step:  
2 (a) upon the user selecting content within a network document to be  
3 clipped, performing the following substeps:  
4 (a.1) parsing the content for clickable images,  
5 (a.2) indicating to the user clickable images found in substep  
6 (b.1), and  
7 (a.3) upon a user selecting one of the clickable images,  
8 performing the following substep:  
9 (a.3.1) storing for later access by the user a bit-mapped  
10 image of the selected clickable image.

1 11. A method as in claim 10 wherein in substep (a.3), upon the user  
2 selecting one of the clickable images, the following substep is also performed:  
3 (a.3.2) storing for later access by the user a network address for the  
4 clickable image.

1 12. A method as in claim 11 wherein:  
2 in substep (a.3.1) the bit-mapped image of the selected clickable  
3 image is stored in a card file; and,  
4 in substep (a.3.2) the network address for the clickable image is stored

5 in the card file.

1 13. A method as in claim 10 wherein:  
2 in substep (a.3.1) the bit-mapped image of the selected clickable  
3 image is stored in a card file.

1 14. A method as in claim 13 wherein in substep (a.3.1) the bit-mapped  
2 image of the selected content is stored in a user selected location within the  
3 card file.

1 15. A method for content clipping comprising the following step:  
2 (a) upon the user selecting content within a network document to be  
3 clipped, performing the following substeps:  
4 (a.1) parsing the content for clickable images, and  
5 (a.2) if only one clickable images is found in substep (a.1),  
6 performing the following substep:  
7 (a.2.1) storing for later access by the user a bit-mapped  
8 image of the selected clickable image.

1 16. A method as in claim 15 wherein in substep (a.2), if only one  
2 clickable images is found in substep (a.1), the following substep is also  
3 performed:  
4 (a.2.2) storing for later access by the user a network address for the  
5 clickable image.

1 17. Storage media for storing software, the software when executed  
2 on a computing system performing a method for content clipping, the method  
3 comprising the following steps:  
4 (a) providing a selection tool to a user, the selection tool allowing the  
5 user to indicate content within a network document to be clipped; and,  
6 (b) upon the user selecting content within the network document to be  
7 clipped, performing the following substeps:  
8 (b.1) storing a bit-mapped image of the selected content within a  
9 database, and  
10 (b.2) storing a network address for the network document along  
11 with the bit-mapped image of the selected content.

1           18. Storage media for storing software, the software when executed  
2 on a computing system performing a method for content clipping, the method  
3 comprising the following steps:

4           (a) providing a selection tool to a user; and,

5           (b) upon a user selecting the selection tool, performing the following  
6 substeps:

7                   (b.1) parsing a current network document for clickable images,

8                   (b.2) indicating to the user, clickable images found in substep

9 (b.1), and

10           (b.3) upon a user selecting one of the clickable images,  
11 performing the following substep:

12                   (b.3.1) storing for later access by the user a bit-mapped  
13 image of the selected clickable image.

1           19. Storage media as in claim 18 wherein in substep (b.3), upon the  
2 user selecting one of the clickable images, the following substep is also  
3 performed:

4           (b.3.2) storing for later access by the user a network address for the  
5 clickable image.

1           20. Storage media as in claim 19 wherein in substep (b.3.1) the bit-  
2 mapped image of the selected content is stored in a user selected location  
3 within a card file.

1           21. Storage media as in claim 19 wherein substep (b.2) includes the  
2 following substep:

3           displaying thumbnail sketches of the clickable images.

1           22. Storage media for storing software, the software when executed  
2 on a computing system performing a method for content clipping, the method  
3 comprising the following step:

4           (a) upon the user selecting content within a network document to be  
5 clipped, performing the following substeps:

6                   (a.1) parsing the content for clickable images,

7                   (a.2) indicating to the user clickable images found in substep

8 (b.1), and

9                   (a.3) upon a user selecting one of the clickable images,

10 performing the following substep:  
11 (a.3.1) storing for later access by the user a bit-mapped  
12 image of the selected clickable image.

1 23. Storage media as in claim 22 wherein in substep (a.3), upon the  
2 user selecting one of the clickable images, the following substep is also  
3 performed:  
4 (a.3.2) storing for later access by the user a network address for the  
5 clickable image.

1 24. Storage media for storing software, the software when executed  
2 on a computing system performing a method for content clipping, the method  
3 comprising the following step:  
4 (a) upon the user selecting content within a network document to be  
5 clipped, performing the following substeps:  
6 (a.1) parsing the content for clickable images,  
7 (a.2) if only one clickable images is found in substep (a.1),  
8 performing the following substep:  
9 (a.2.1) storing for later access by the user a bit-mapped  
10 image of the selected clickable image.

1 25. Storage media as in claim 24 wherein in substep (a.2), if only one  
2 clickable images is found in substep (a.1), the following substep is also  
3 performed:  
4 (a.2.2) storing for later access by the user a network address for the  
5 clickable image.